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### PRO-GERMAN AGITATION DEFEATED IN SWEDEN

(By Associated Press.)  
Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 9.—Prof. Gustave Steffen, the Socialist author of the interpellation which brought about a crisis in Swedish affairs last May and served as the basis for an Activist campaign designed to throw the country into war as an ally of the central powers, has been overwhelmingly defeated for re-election to the first chamber of the Riksdag.

In the interpellation and in speeches in the Riksdag, Prof. Steffen bitterly assailed Russia for fortifying the Aland Islands, which lie but a short distance from the entrance to the Stockholm Archipelago. The Activist and pro-German press, supporting him urged the government to strike against Russia before the fortifications were completed.

The situation was tense when the foreign minister, Mr. Wallenberg, arose to reply. But in the meantime there had been an agreement among all parties represented in the Riksdag, and the minister announced that Sweden would adhere strictly to a policy of impartial neutrality.

Twenty-four seats in the first chamber have been involved in recent elections and the Socialists have made a gain at the expense of the Liberals. The present government of Sweden is a "personal" one of King

Gustave, appointed by agreement for the term of the war. The Socialists undoubtedly will have a controlling influence when the after-war cabinet is formed.

### URGES INDUSTRIAL TRUCE FOR FIVE YEARS

(By Associated Press.)

London, (Oct. 9).—The suggestion that an industrial truce for five years should be arranged now as a guarantee of Britain's highest interests in the era of mechanical progress that he said was bound to follow the war, was made by Sir Charles Wakefield, the lord mayor of London, while presiding at a large gathering of representatives of all branches of the engineering industry at the mansion house.

"Whatever might be said of the future of commerce in general," said the lord mayor, "we are all surely agreed that the nation and the empire must zealously guard the security and progress of engineering. It is mainly on the engineering workshops of this country that the fighting forces of the alliance depend for mechanical means of victory."

The lord mayor's suggestion was greeted by cheers from all present, including representatives of various government departments.



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